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International cooperation in the field of nuclear security has become a matter of urgency, which dictates strengthening frameworks and instruments of international cooperation. This will permit the exchange of experiences and contribute to the development of the global infrastructure and human capacity needed to ensure the highest standards of nuclear security in all countries, so as to ensure effective security of sensitive information, nuclear material and nuclear facilities.

The UAE views the topic of nuclear security as a critical topic in its various facets, including the threat of nuclear terrorism, which is not particular to one country, but rather represents a threat to all countries of the world. By extension, a lack of effective nuclear security measures do not represent a threat only to the country where that lack occurs, but translates into a common threat to all nations.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates attaches great importance to the issue of nuclear security and this nuclear security summit in particular, which is reflected in the steps taken by UAE to promote nuclear security in all relevant areas at the national and international levels. In this context, the UAE is preparing to host an international conference in cooperation with the IAEA in 2013, which will discuss the issue of nuclear security and nuclear safety of radioactive sources.

The United Arab Emirates also gives considerable attention to the pivotal role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the field of nuclear energy, safety and nuclear security, and welcomes the efforts of the Agency to enhance its capabilities on an ongoing basis in the field of nuclear non-proliferation, especially in the field of nuclear safeguards, which form an essential part of the non-proliferation regime and certainly contribute to the depth of defense associated with effective nuclear security.

In this context, UAE welcomes the ongoing efforts of the Director General of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Mr. Yukiya Amano, to further develop the capacity of the Agency in this area, and we wish to express that support by pledging a grant of (USD 1 million) to support the Agency's project of Enhancing the Capabilities of Safeguards Analytical Services (ECAS).

The UAE looks forward to working with member states and international organizations to strengthen nuclear security continuously and effectively.